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Group Art Unit: 2615

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July 30, 2004

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the documents (6), (7) and (8) is enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 6,625,383
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,571,052
- (3) U.S. Publication No. 2004/0086265
- (4) U.S. Publication No. 2003/0095789
- (5) U.S. Publication No. 2003/0016942
- (6) Japan 3192663
- (7) Japan 8-163488
- (8) Kenichi Kanatani, "Image Understanding",
Morikita Shuppan Kabushiki Kaisha, May 24, 1990.

References (6) and (7) are discussed in the specification at page 1, starting at line 11, and reference (8) is discussed in the specification at page 43, line 15. These references might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given therein.

An English-language abstract for the Japanese document (7) has been located and is enclosed. In addition, references (1), (2) and (4) are believed to be English-language counterparts to the Japanese reference (6).

Also enclosed is a partial translation, from page 115 to line 18 of page 135, of document (8), which is believed to provide a concise explanation of relevance for the reference.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,
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